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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 24, 1998

APPLICATION OF

STARPOWER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

CASE NO. PUC980004

For certificates of public  
convenience and necessity to  
provide local exchange and  
interexchange telecommunications  
services

FINAL ORDER

On January 16, 1998, Starpower Communications, LLC ("Starpower" or "Applicant") filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout Virginia.

By Order dated February 2, 1998, the Commission directed that the Applicant provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Starpower's application. On March 9, 1998, the Staff filed its report finding that Starpower's application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules for Local Exchange Competition, as adopted in Case No. PUC950018, and the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, as amended in Case

No. PUC850035. Based upon its review of Starpower's application and its financial statements, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant local exchange and interexchange certificates as requested.

The hearing was conducted on March 19, 1998. Starpower filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the February 2, 1998 Scheduling Order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff's Report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that Starpower's application should be granted. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission also finds that Starpower may price its interexchange services competitively. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Starpower Communications, LLC is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-47A, to provide interexchange service subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this order.

(2) Starpower Communications, LLC is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-407, to provide local exchange telecommunications service subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules for Local

Exchange Telephone Competition, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this order.

(3) Starpower Communications, LLC shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, Starpower may price its interexchange service competitively.

(5) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.